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The Emperor was surprised and shocked. Ch'ing Ying showed blank despair, but the Minister applauded vociferously, while the Princess, veiled, resumed her seat. Ch'ing Ying, whose fate seemed certain, seeing no help forthcoming in any form, prepared for death, which seemed now imminent, when the Princess Chang P'ang rose, and, throwing off her veil, acknowledged her heart melted, and expressed her intention of giving him her hand in marriage, saying she loved him from the first, which last remark staggered him. All the court were delighted, except Chong P'eng, who, overwhelmed with disappointment, soon afterwards left the court, and married his wife. It seemed no one else would have him. The Prince then disclosed his name and rank, which gave great delight to both the Emperor and

his manner, his kind thoughtfulness for others; his shrewd power for all suffering, his gentleness, his modesty, his manly sense of brotherhood with the very humblest of the men who have loved him, that you shall think, these are the traits that throw all his heroism into shadow, and all the glory of the conqueror pales before the simple virtues of the man—*Blackwood*.

LONGEVITY.—Some interesting statistics as to the geographical distribution of health and disease have been published. According to these, the changes of longevity are greatly in favor of the more northerly latitudes. Near the top of the list, in the order of Sweden, are parts of England. Of cities, Vienna stands the lowest, and the climate of the tropics or of cold climates near the sea is the most favorable for longevity. While former years out of every thirty of the population of England, France, and Germany died in each year, now the average is one in forty. In the United States, the average has nearly doubled within eighty years.

the enunciation of the orator, he continued to look at the speaker. But, when he came to look at the notes, the magnitude of the task that it would be to write them out appeared so formidable, that he shrunk from it as an impossibility. Soon after Mr. Webster called on Mr. Galois and expressed a request for his speech. "I have the notes," said the reporter, "but I shall never have time to write them out." This led to some remonstrances and persuasion, but the overworked editor stood firm. At this juncture Mr. Webster stepped forward and offered to undertake the task, saying, "I will do it, and I will do it well." On the other hand, as she had occasionally done so. She had heard the speech, and the relations existing between her and the speaker, and the magnitude of his imagery were vivid in her mind. In consequence of this, she had written out the speech for Mr. Webster the report of his speech in the handwriting of his wife. Scarcely a word of the speech had been written, when the reporter's necktie accompanied the rich thanks of the

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